

## OPINION 1274

*NOTONECTA STRIATA* LINNAEUS, 1758 (INSECTA,  
HEMIPTERA): NEOTYPE DESIGNATED UNDER THE  
PLENARY POWERS

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers, all designations of type specimens hitherto made for the nominal species mentioned below are hereby set aside, and the two specimens indicated are hereby designated as their neotypes as follows:

- (a) For *Notonecta striata* Linnaeus, 1758: a microscope slide of a dissected male specimen in the British Museum (Natural History), (the slide bears at one end a red-bordered British Museum type label with the words '*Corixa striata* (Linnaeus, 1758), Neotype', and at the other end a slide label reading 'Denmark, Esrom Lake-9.1950, T. T. Macan Coll., Station 11');
- (b) For *Corixa dorsalis* Leach, 1817: a microscope slide of a dissected male specimen in the British Museum (Natural History), (labelled '*Corixa lacustris* Macan, 1954, Holotype. Esthwaite Lake 8.v.51, T. T. Macan'. It also bears the British Museum (Natural History) acquisition number 1954-822).

(2) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *striata* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Notonecta striata* and as defined by the neotype designated under the plenary powers in 1(a) above, with the Name Number 2892;
- (b) *dorsalis* Leach, 1817, as published in the binomen *Corixa dorsalis* and as defined by the neotype designated under the plenary powers in (1)(b) above, with the Name Number 2893.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)640

An application to designate a neotype for *Notonecta striata* Linnaeus, 1758, was first received from Dr T. T. Macan (*Stevney, Outgate, Ambleside, Westmorland, U.K.*) on 3 January 1952, and first published in 1961 in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 18, pp. 328-329. The present revived application for the use of the plenary powers in this case was sent to the printer on 16 February 1978 and published on 31 October 1978 in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 35, pp. 111-114. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general serials and seven specialist serials. No comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 6 July 1983 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1983)15 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 35, pp. 113–114. At the close of the voting period on 6 October 1983 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — sixteen (16) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Willink, Mroczkowski, Hahn, Starobogatov, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Schuster, Bayer, Sabrosky, Binder, Dupuis, Corliss, Ride, Brinck

Negative Votes — one (1) Halvorsen.

Welch was on leave of absence. Alvarado, Cocks and Heppell all returned late affirmative votes. No voting papers were returned by Savage, Kraus, Lehtinen, Cogger and Bernardi.

Dupuis commented: 'Je vote pour l'acceptation des deux néotypes simultanément, car en désigner un pour une seule des espèces considérées ne suffirait pas pour parvenir à la stabilité voulue.'

Schuster commented: 'I feel this application will solve a very complex problem.'

## ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*striata*, *Notonecta*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.*, ed. 10, vol. 1, p. 439  
*dorsalis*, *Corixa*, Leach, 1817, *Trans. linn. Soc. London*, vol. 12, p. 17.

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (1983)15 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1274.

R. V. MELVILLE

*Secretary*

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*London*

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